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Dear Dr Gray.

I have delayed acknowledging your letter till I could state the fact of the Call of the Regents, which you suggested. The official notice is enclosed, and with it, an answer to your official letter, concerning the Wesley package. I hope the plan suggested will spare you trouble.

I communicated your views on the Fish Commission to Mr Goode. When I got back I found that he had got a copy of Mr Rhus pamphlet, I sent him, and had conceived the misapprehension that I approved it as a whole. Best others might do so. I have thought it best to retain the whole edition (250 copies) for the present, from circulation.

Only two copies are out, yours, and one in the hands of Dr Willing.

Mr Goode (under the mistake just alluded to) had prepared, I found, a letter to me, in which he expressed very clearly and convincingly the view that the actual Museum of today was not